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Examiner

James A. Thompson

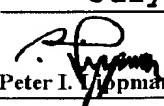
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**COMMENT  
ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, it is said that each of the independent claims has three specified features. The second of these is "compensation for . . . variations, based upon matrix modification that is performed in a rendition stage".

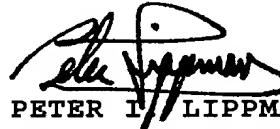
It appears to the undersigned that independent claim 25 does not explicitly mention a "matrix" — though it does recite a "compensating step comprising control of a halftoning stage or other rendition stage". Applicants nonetheless do agree with the Examiner that claim 25 is properly allowed, in

that this claim does otherwise satisfy all other details of the Examiner-described second feature, and does include the other two features.

Moreover claim 25 adds another limitation, namely that intensity compensation is effected "without modifying position of particular marks relative to such pixel grid or any ideal form of such pixel grid". Applicants believe that this limitation does convey some distinguishing value.

Accordingly Applicants believe that all the claims have been allowed properly, and respectfully ask that they now be passed to issue. To this end, Applicants herewith provide for payment of the prescribed issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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